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**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MARITAL CONFLICT REMEDIES AND CHILD  
WELFARE IN MBALE MUNICIPALITY, UGANDA**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study investigated the relationship between marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality. The specific objectives that guided the study were: to establish relationship between dialogue meetings as marital conflict remedies and child welfare, to establish the relationship between arrest and apprehension as marital conflict remedies and the welfare of children as well as examining the relationship between guidance and counseling of perpetrators as marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality, Uganda. This study used correlation research design and employed simple random and purposive sampling techniques to select respondents. A total 132 questionnaires were administered to police officers and parents and a total of 112 returned and interview was also conducted to probation officers and LCs. Data was presented quantitatively by use of statistical tools to objectively measure, predict, interpret and describe human behavior of the relationship between marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality. The major finding in this study there is a significant relationship between dialogue meetings as marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality. Of the three aspects or predictors that were used to test the relationship between marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality, only dialogue meetings were found to be stand alone predictor of the relationship between marital conflict remedies and child welfare in Mbale Municipality. The other two aspects i.e. arrest and apprehension and guidance and counseling marital conflict remedies were excluded as prediction of marital conflict remedies. However, this does not mean that arrest and apprehension and guidance and counseling as marital conflict remedies should be completely ignored. Some of the recommendations are:

Authorities, clan leaders, families including married couples should attempt to determine how marriages should amicably be stable without fighting, abusing, battering, mishandling and treating, conflicting couples should always be guided, counseled and helped so as to live in a happy community, as such, discussion should focus on child welfare for example feeding; medication and education have to be given priority. When this is done, the level of happiness and child welfare in families is bound to exist. Harmony, trust, peace, solidarity and mutual understanding between married couples should be derived from marital conflict remedies in Mbale Municipality.